



"Dominican rebels, hell! I'm CIA, he's FBI and he's Army Intelligence."

To the Press

A Statement for Every Revolutionary Occasion

By Art Buchwald

THINGS HAPPEN so fast these days that the State Department no longer has time to put out a statement for each crisis. To solve the problem, a friend of mine has devised an all-purpose press release which is being sent out to newspapers, magazines, and television stations throughout the country.

It goes like this:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ALL-PURPOSE
PRESS STATEMENT

For Release ———. (Date)

The United States government welcomes the progress, during the past 12 hours, toward freedom and increased stability in ———. While reluctant to condone any resort to violence, we regard the event in ——— as a significant step toward more orderly democracy and the strengthening of the ———

world. We pledge our firm support to Gen. ——— of the ——— party, and are encouraged by his promise to return ——— in due course to civilian rule.

His actions have spelled defeat for the tyrannical forces of (a) General (b) Colonel (c) President (d) Premier (e) Prince ——— of the badly split ——— party, and have given new hope for the free people of ———.

Our support of Gen. ———'s government represents no change in United States policy toward ———.

Nor does it change the United States posture vis-à-vis ——— or ——— or ———.

To help the people of ——— get back on their feet, the President has authorized a special fund of ——— dollars to pay for the salaries of the army and new government officials. The President has also promised ——— dollars in loans to ——— and has promised military aid and advisers to prevent another ———.

The ——— U.S. Fleet has been dispatched to ——— the capital of ——— to prevent further bloodshed and to protect American ——— there.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk denied that the fleet was sent to ——— to influence in any way the internal affairs of the country. The fleet had been requested by Gen. ——— and under the ——— agreement we had no choice but to provide American support to prevent a ——— takeover.

Secretary Rusk promised that as soon as things stabilized he would withdraw the ——— Fleet and the ——— Marine Brigade which landed three days ago.

The President and the National Security Council met today to discuss the ——— situation and the President is sending ——— as his personal representative to give him a first-hand report and to make future

recommendations. This in no way shows his lack of confidence in Ambassador ———, who has been called back to Washington for consultation.

Gen. ——— is considered a friend of the United States, having studied at the ——— War College, in Washington, and he has promised strong, forceful leadership for ———, something that has been lacking in the past under the weak regime of ——— and his so-called democratic government.

(a) General (b) Colonel (c) President (d) Premier (e) Prince ——— has sought political asylum in the ——— embassy and will probably be allowed to leave the country.

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